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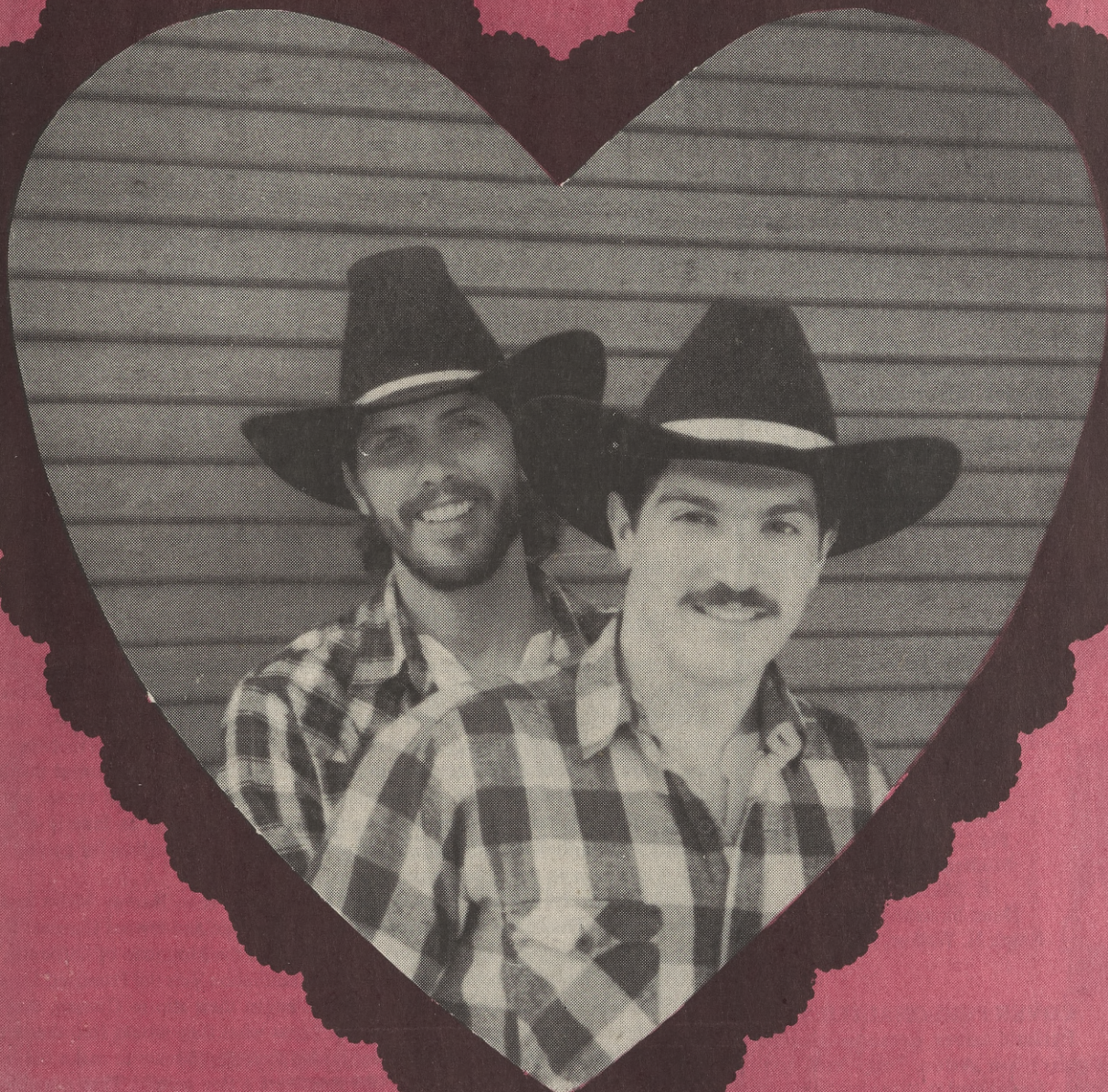
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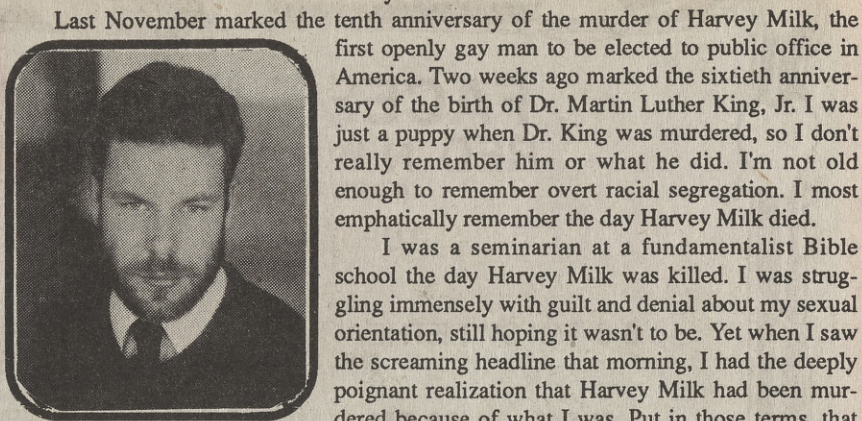
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Patlar's cover personalities for February are Arlon Teigs and John Orick. Spectacular country-western dancers, Arlon and John are celebrating a five-year relationship in which "every day has been a honeymoon."

IN MY OPINION

by Mel Dahl



Last November marked the tenth anniversary of the murder of Harvey Milk, the first openly gay man to be elected to public office in America. Two weeks ago marked the sixtieth anniversary of the birth of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. I was just a puppy when Dr. King was murdered, so I don't really remember him or what he did. I'm not old enough to remember overt racial segregation. I most emphatically remember the day Harvey Milk died.

I was a seminarian at a fundamentalist Bible school the day Harvey Milk was killed. I was struggling immensely with guilt and denial about my sexual orientation, still hoping it wasn't to be. Yet when I saw the screaming headline that morning, I had the deeply poignant realization that Harvey Milk had been murdered because of what I was. Put in those terms, that he was what I am, and therefore somebody killed him, swept more guilt and denial out of my life than any other single experience.

I watched the funeral on TV. I remember Joan Baez singing Amazing Grace, and I remember crying. To me it all seemed so senseless, and it was not until later, after I saw new words written to an old tune, that I better understood what had happened:

*Through Grace we first received the call,
And Grace all fears relieved,
And Grace will shatter prison walls
Because we will not leave.*

*When Justice, like a mighty stream,
Flows through a peaceful land,
The Grace that kept alive the dream
Will have the upper hand.*

*From tortured lives of guilt and shame
We now have been set free;
The Love That Dared Not Speak Its Name
Is sacred now to me.*

I don't know why it is necessary that every generation should have a group to pick on, but from what I can tell, in all of human history, in every place, there has been a group of people singled out for persecution. The notion that all people have dignity and worth, and deserve to be treated with respect, is a rather novel idea that most people don't buy. There is absolutely no question in my mind that when the day comes that gay people no longer suffer bigotry and discrimination--and that day will come--some other group will become the new pariahs. And they will suffer, just as bitterly as we have, probably with little sympathy from gay people. People are notorious for getting involved only if it is their ox that is being gored.

Yet, in every age and at every time, there have been Harvey Milks and Martin Luther Kings. They have led their people out of bondage and toward Canaan. They have known what respectable society can't know: Beyond the Mountain of Difficulty, beyond the Slough of Despond, beyond the Valley of Humiliation, lies the Promised Land.

When Moses and the Children of Israel began their trip to Canaan, they did not know where they were going, they did not know what they would find there, and they most certainly did not know that it would take them forty years to make the trip. They knew one thing, though: They knew that they were a free people. They dared to believe that the freedom of the journey was better than the security of Egyptian bondage.

It is our turn to make the walk to freedom. It isn't going to be an easy journey, and many of us will die before the end of it. But we will find our destination because our cause is just.

So, to those who have become weary and tired of the trip, take heart and be encouraged. To those who would oppress us and keep us in slavery, you have no more power over us. Your choice is to let us pass, or to perish beneath the waters of the Red Sea. Freedom is our birthright, a birthright we have full intention of claiming. And yes, we shall overcome some day.



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GAY HISTORY

by Terry Boughner, Ph.D.

From the Baltic to the Vatican, the word was out that the King of England was gay. Well, they wouldn't have actually said, "gay," not at least in the 11th Century. They would have called him a "sodomite," but it really doesn't matter. The fact is that William II (1087-1100), son of William the Conqueror, was, beyond the shadow of a doubt, a homosexual and Holy Mother Church was going through the roof.

Only 30 or so years before William ascended the throne, Peter Damian (when he finally died they dubbed him a saint) had discovered, after a great deal of sniffing around, that monks were slipping off to their cells with each other. Beyond the monasteries things were even worse. Damian, who had a personality that made you think that he'd been hit by a train of thought and never gotten over the accident, had learned that the clergy were writing love poems to young men (read *Medieval Latin Poems of Male Love and Friendship*, trans., Thomas Stehling), while the lordly bishops were shepherding the choirboys into backrooms for exercises in the horizontal means of grace.

It all had to stop and the future saint wrote a book about it called *Liber Gomorrhianus* and sent it off to Pope Leo IX, going along with it just to make sure it got read. The Pontiff later confessed that he thought the whole thing to be exaggerated—but a lot of other people saw it and the belief gained ground, as Frank Barlow writes in *William Rufus*, that sodomites were everywhere—including on the throne of England.

According to the chronicler William of Malmesbury, William II was fairly good looking, being "thick-set with a muscular body, blond hair and sparkling eyes that seemed to change color in the light. The then Archbishop of Canterbury, Anselm, said reluctantly of the king that he was "courteous, jovial and bountiful." One of the problems was that the royal bounty seldom went to the Church which led Anselm to change his mind and call bounty "culpable prodigality."

It soon became evident that there were other problems as well. According to the Norman monk and Church historian, Ordericus Vitalis, William surrounded himself with some of the most beautiful young men the Duchy of Normandy had to offer. In "shameful contrast" to the court of William I, where spartan dress had been the rule, these gilded youths went about in long robes and shoes with pointed toes. To make matters worse, all of them, including the King, wore their hair long when it was "well known that a proper Christian style demanded men's hair be cut short."

All that was outrageous enough but, says the horrified monk, they were engaging in sodomy, the sin that Damian had called "worse than lying with beasts." The clothes and the long hair, Ordericus writes, were a dead giveaway for "only those given to effeminacy" would dress like that. But he adds his words dripping with suspicion, all night all the lights in the castle were put out and "all kinds of vice must be taking place."

All this left poor old Ordericus in a complete dither, but William of Malmesbury was not far behind. "The court of the King," he writes, "is a brothel of catamites [male whores]."

Men were going about holding each other's hands, and worse, they actually kissed where everyone could see and it "is all committed to such an extent that it scarcely makes anyone blush." Finally, no one was more "out" than the king himself, making no secret of his love for Robert fitzHaimo who was ten years his junior and his constant companion, "attending the king day and night," says Ordericus.

For all this clerical fussing, William seemed to care not a fig. At one point, he reported to have told a noisy monk that if the friar valued the Church's rulings on sex so much, he, the King, would do his bit by ordering all convents within three miles of any

monastery closed or moved. For that, William was accused of blasphemy.

Both Barlow and Edward Freeman in his *The Reign of William Rufus* tell us that there was a great pressure on the king to get married both to eliminate the "example of sodomy" and to assure a peaceful and orderly succession to the throne. Both considerations seem to have been equally high in the minds of the Lords spiritual and temporal, but William ignored them all. He would not give up Robert fitzHaimo.

Keep in mind how strong this pressure to marry really must have been. In those days, a monarch who died childless left the way open to bitter contentions and war among the great families for the vacant throne. The resulting instability and bloodshed were things that everyone looked on with fear and trepidation, a fact that was true even down to the 16th Century and Elizabeth I.

Still, knowing all that, as he most probably did, William would not budge. Barlow raises the question of whether the King was impotent. But Odericus reports that when that possibility was raised in front of Robert, he simply laughed in derision at the idea.

So, the king went gayly forward as we might say, hand in hand with Robert which horrified the clergy. He was also on friendly terms with the Jews which horrified the men of the cloth even more.

To put an end to all the immorality, Archbishop Anselm proposed that a general Church council be summoned to discuss means to stop the spread of sodomy. The king would have none of it. Then, in 1095, William fell seriously ill and there were fears for his life. Anselm said that it all had to do with the king's wicked ways and advised a penance of marriage to a woman.

William would have none of that either and proceeded to get well on his own.

One of William's favorite pastimes was hunting stags in the New Forest. On August 2, 1100, he and Robert and a number of retainers betook themselves to the woods for a jolly day of sport. The king became separated from the rest and was felled by an arrow in the chest.

To this day, no one knows who did it, but Odericus reported that the Church gave thanks to God for His mercy and hoped that all sodomites might profit from the lesson. The king was buried in unblest ground and the Church bells, which even rang on the death of harlots, were silent that day.

Anselm went to his grave claiming that England had seen the last of sodomy.

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It may be that this past national election shows that we are no longer concerned or stirred that deeply as a nation. Despite the unsavory aspects of 1988, the American populace through their wisdom seems to have selected the right candidate. As a nation it is time to rally behind our new president and help him correct the narrow-minded and short-sighted ideologies of the past eight years.

I feel assured that Mr. Bush will be a gentler, kinder and more understanding leader and deeply concerned about the domestic plight of his fellow citizens. But, of course, only if as a nation we demonstrate our likewise concern for the important matters that face the good old USA as well. Guidance, support and confidence are the greatest gifts that we as a nation can offer our new president now.

Unlike the political campaign of 1988, the record companies released very little rhetoric. It has been very hard for me to select the "TOP PICKS OF 1988" because there were so many outstanding recordings. But I have managed to compile what I feel represents the best recordings of 1988. Each release was awarded its ranking according to how it was compared to other recordings of the past year. Every release was also evaluated as to its own artistic value, musical substance and the quality of the recording [* = superb recording quality].

In short: 1988 was a sheer musical delight that will hopefully repeat itself during 1989.

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3. A MUSICAL TESTAMENT (Marvin Gage) Motown.
4. TILL I LOVED YOU (Barbra Streisand) Columbia.
5. RATTLE AND HUM (U2) Island.
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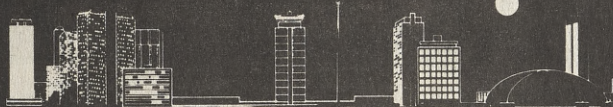
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11. THE LAST EMPEROR/Soundtrack (Various Artists) Virgin*.
12. MARRIED TO THE MOB/Soundtrack (Various Artists) Reprise*.
13. THE TRINITY SESSION (Cowboy Junkies) RCA*.
14. STATE OF THE HEART (Maureen McGovern) CBS*.
15. NEVER DIE YOUNG (James Taylor) Columbia*.
16. UNION (Toni Childs) A&M*.
17. ...NADA COMO EL SOL (Sting) A&M*.
18. STRONGER THAN PRIDE (Sade) Epic*.
19. CHALK MARK IN A RAIN STORM (Joni Mitchell) Geffen*.
20. THE MODERNS/Soundtrack (Mark Isham) Virgin*.
21. POSITIVE (Peabo Bryson) Elektra*.
22. TIME AND TIDE (Basia) Epic*.
23. RUN THIS WAY FOREVER (Michael Tomlinson) Cypress*.
24. SCENES FROM THE SOUTHSIDE (Bruce Hornsby & The Range) RCA.
25. ONE LOVE--ONE DREAM (Jeffrey Osborne) A&M.
26. ROLL WITH IT (Steve Winwood) Virgin.
27. GET HERE (Brenda Russell) A&M*.
28. MORE DIRTY DANCING/Soundtrack (Various Artists) RCA.
29. DISTANT THUNDER (Aswad) Island.
30. ISN'T IT ROMANTIC (Michael Feinstein) Elektra*.
31. NEW WORLD (Karla Bonoff) God Castle.
32. "JOURNEY TO THE URGE WITHIN" (Courtney Pine) Island*.
33. WHAT UP, DOG? (Was (Not Was)) Chrysalis.
34. WHENEVER YOU NEED SOMEBODY (Ric Astley) RCA.
35. INTUITION (Angela Bofill) Capitol.
36. INTROSPECTIVE (Pet Shop Boys) EMI*.
37. USED GUITARS (Marti Jones) A&M.
38. REG STRIKES BACK (Elton John) MCA*.
39. HIDING IN MYSELF (Kenny Rankin) Cypress*.
40. NO BOUNDARIES (Various Artists) CBS*.
41. VOICES RISING (Fareed Haque) Pangaea*.
42. ALL OUR LOVE (Gladys Knight & The Pips) MCA.
43. SLOW DANCE (Southside Johnny) Cypress*.
44. THE SYMPHONY SESSION (David Foster) Atlantic*.
45. TELL IT TO MY HEART (Taylor Dayne) Arista.
46. ANY LOVE (Luther Vandross) Epic.
47. INDESCRIBABLE WOW (Sam Phillips) Virgin.
48. BODY & SOUL (Jenny Morris) Atlantic.
49. THE INNOCENTS (Erasure) Sire.
50. SPIRIT OF EDEN (Talk Talk) EMI.

IN OUR EYES (A Youth Perspective)

by K. Michaels

My life has taken a definite turn for the strange. I am not completely sure that my life isn't a cosmic practical joke. I am starting to believe that if there is a god, he is having a good laugh at my expense. Actually, the more I contemplate the situation the more I realize that it's not just my life; it seems everywhere I look the world is weirding out all over the place.

I look at my favorite source of news and factual information, the tabloids, and I can come to the opinion that the world is totally whacked. I read accounts of gay space aliens bursting into farmhouses and trying on women's clothes, telepathically spouting poetry, and making passes at farmers. And not four pages away, there is a story about a World War II bomber that soviet scientists found on the moon, but now it's missing. Is it just possible that the vodka wore off and the pink elephants took the plane home with them? Not to mention the incredible melting woman, the chicken girl, and various other people who have handicaps and diseases that just happen to be convenient to exploit to sell a sixty-five-cent paper. Yet I buy it. But at least its stories are less frightening than those of the "legitimate press."

I can't open up the newspaper without reading something that truly frightens me. Constantly, I read about kids getting shot at for wearing the wrong color, the sneaky ruskies are building up a nuclear arsenal that can destroy the world four times over (compared to our three), or grandmotherly women burying tenants in the back garden. Where does it end? I'm young, and I am supposed to have youthful ideals that everything is going to turn out rosy and fine; but they seem to be getting lost in the reality of opposing ideologies. This is the time my head is supposed to be in the clouds, but how can you lose your head in clouds of wandering radioactive waste and acidic carbon monoxide being sucked through a hole in the ozone? Life for the young is supposed to be happy and carefree, but how happy can you be if you're worrying that you look too gay and that someone is going to

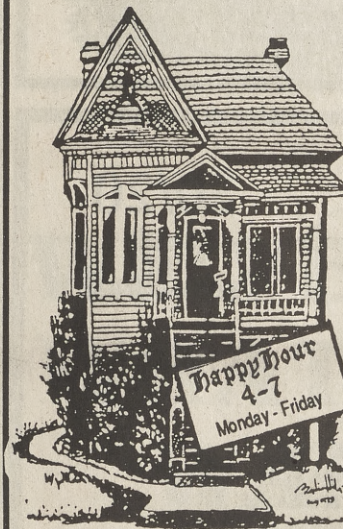
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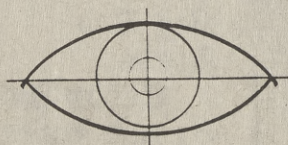
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Then we watch TV; it's the same thing only there are pictures of the chaos. People with smiles telling you there has been a major disaster. Or looking almost sad because the police aren't planning on exhuming any more corpses from a mass murder. You switch the channel to escape the news. On one station there is some evangelist condemning me because I am an indecent homosexual, and then it comes out that he himself has screwed anything breathing within a 20-mile radius of Biblehumpin' U.S.A.! You turn the channel to see an "entertainment program" about some cop who single handedly brings in one bank robber after shooting six people and wrecking fifteen cars. Then there are talk shows where the hosts hurl insults at the guests, catch furniture in the face, discuss world politics with transvestites and male strippers. If you're lucky, you can catch a re-run of The Brady Bunch. Even when you find something that wasn't oozed out of the most vapid aspects of man's imagination, you have to sit through days and days of commercials; when someone tries to make you think that cheese is sexy, well, you really have to worry.

1988 is over and is rapidly fading into memory as 1989 is beginning. We are supposed to use this time to make a fresh start; however, it seems that we are just setting up for a repeat of 1988. On the 20th of this month, we are going to swear President Reagan's clone, George Bush, into the top office in our government. AIDS is killing innocent people, and uninformed people can't give any compassion just because they can't come down off their pedestals and admit that we're all human. 1988 wasn't all that bad; but it wasn't worth repetition.

I think that we, as young gay people, need to take some action. As the future of both the world and the gay community, we need to step into the light and be recognized as normal, intelligent young people who also happen to be gay. We need to be more than happy about our lives; we must be proud of ourselves. It is easy for the world to be ignorant when people don't see anyone who challenges their stereotypes. Gay youth need to be more active, even if it is just stuffing envelopes or helping paint signs. Maybe you, or I, can't change the world single handedly; but if I do a little, and you do a little, and some other gay kid does his little part, we can make a real difference. We could just sit back and be satisfied with the progress that's already been made, but if we don't pick up the cause, progress won't exist and we'll lose everything that's been gained.

Let's have a fine '89!

WHAT A WORLD, WHAT A WORLD

by Nancy Ford

Hiya! And welcome to *What a World, What A World*--a new humor column here in Patlar. Monthly in this space expect to see the sort of literature Erma Bombeck might write if she had a thing for women.

To give you a little background on myself (thanks for asking!), I am 5'2", eyes of green, and was born sometime prior to the Johnson Administration (thanks for not asking!).

Physically, my weight is nowhere near proportionate to my height, as they say in Stewardess School. I should probably be on that John Lennen macrobiotic diet, but I can't afford the drugs.

I would be OK on a diet if it weren't for peanut M&Ms. And I don't buy the 40-cent bag of peanut M&Ms. *Nonononono*. I don't waste my time with the 70-cent bag of peanut M&Ms. I go straight to the two-dollar-and-ninety-nine-cent **POUNDER! THE BIG ONE!** The one you can buy for \$1.00 at K-Mart blue light specials. (And don't pretend to not know what *blue light special* means because any number of you can be found lurking in the gaudy lingerie department at any given time of the day or night, just waiting for that blue light to go on. Don't lie to me; I know my audience.) If they packaged peanut M&Ms in those big, 50-pound dog-food bags, I'd buy those, too. The grocery bag boy would sling the big yellow-with-brown-letters bag over his shoulder and grunt, "Put these in the trunk for you, ma'am?"

"Oh, *nonononono*," I'd reply. "Wedge them up here in the front seat. It's a long drive home. Five, six blocks, maybe."

It's not my fault. Obesity runs in my family. Well, OK, it doesn't exactly *run*; it just sort of lumbers long, very laboriously. My Aunt Delores weighed almost 300 pounds when she died. Her will stated that, upon her death, she wished to be cremated, and her ashes should be stored in a decorative urn and placed on the family mantelpiece. But at 300 pounds she would only cremate down as far as chitlins. She wouldn't fit into that decorative urn, either. We had to put her remains up on the mantle in a big Tupperware container. After one New Year's Eve party, we noticed that Aunt Delores had disappeared completely. But her spirit lives on within us because after all, we are what we eat.

Sexually, I've been gay all my life, but out for only eleven years. People ask me how I know I'm gay. Because my lover told me I'm gay--*that's* how I know I'm gay. Contrary to popular belief, folks do not go gay primarily as a result of not being able to have an orgasm with a man. I can also have an orgasm

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with a six-pack of Lone Star beer and a hair brush, but I don't want to set up housekeeping that way.

Frankly, I've never been quite sure why we call ourselves "gay." I can barely afford to be happy.

Spiritually, I believe (1) that we must "love one another" (*Jesus Christ*), (2) "... in the incomprehensibility of God," (*Honore de Balzac*), and (3) that "You can't always get what you want" (*Mick Jagger*). I also believe that Elvis lives, but that subject rates its own column. For now, suffice it to say that any 20th century rock star who rates a mention in the Book of Revelation has earned my respect.

Educationally, I went to school at Kent State University where I majored in Post-Radical Depression. Ironically, I was married at the time. Yes, Sis--to a man. For three years. They were six of the happiest non-consecutive months of my life. As I talk to more and more folks in The Community, I discover that many of us have dabbled in hetero matrimony. Then we divorced and moved on with our real lives. Incredible as it may seem, statistics show that the divorce rate has gone down. On the other hand, suicide has gone through the roof. What a co-inky-dink.

Politically, I'm aghast. The up side of the result of our recent presidential election is that the majority of people in the country believes that *America Needs Bush*. Who can argue with logic like that?

In any event, God Bless The U.S.A. In the United Kingdom (you know--*England*--where it swings like the pendulum do) there is a law entitled Clause 29. Clause 29 prevents local municipal authorities from promoting homosexuality. The effects of this recent legislation will be the closure of gay centers funded by the governments as well as possible removal of licenses for gay pubs and clubs. Positive images of homosexuality in school will be outlawed, as will the promotion of gay and lesbian lifestyles as viable family relationships.

This, I fear, should almost be expected from the legislators of a country which honors its groundbreaking, statement-making men by knighting them, with the title "Sir" prefixed to their names. Sir John Gielgud. Sir Lawrence Olivier. The list goes on. But how are outstanding English women honored? The monarchy proclaims them "Dames" as in "There Is Nothing Like A . . ." Everyone knows that even the more colloquial *Classy Broad* beats *Dame*, but today neither of them can beat this particular Royal Flush.

And so, Loyal Patlalettes, you know a little about me and how I stand on a few of the issues of the day. Now it's your turn. If you have any comments, suggestions, or questions regarding the content of WAW, WAY, please feel free to write to me in care of this magazine.

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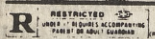
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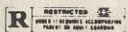
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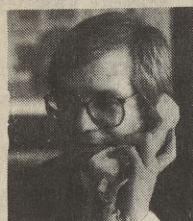


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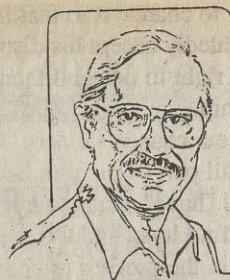
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wonderful for a whole weekend!

You see, if you are still looking for that perfect relationship--the one like in the movies . . .

I have a dear friend who always found that his relationships don't work, and blames it on the movies of the 1940s that he grew up on, where, once the perfect man or perfect woman was met, the camera fades to a lovely sunset, or a cottage in the country, with the couple happy and blissful.

I consulted with PEDLA, that astral level spirit guide which my friend, Kevin Cook, channels, on this business of "perfect relationship" at our last session. As I understand her, she suggests that we should create a relationship as a process, rather than expect to find it "ready made" in a perfect "other." And, I'm disposed to use for purposes of our mutual growth in understanding (and, hopefully, in real life!) of relationships, that one "perfect" relationship in my life right now. No, I don't mean my eleven years with Patrick; we're still "working on that" at this point. Instead, I mean my relationship with Zachary, our dear friend Michelle's eighteen-month-old son.

Why do I choose this as a perfect relationship? That's simple: It is! Or, it seems to me to demonstrate what perfect relationship is all about. For Zachary is beautiful, he is charming, he is highly intelligent, he is full of surprises and tricks, and he is an absolute friend at knowing just what to do to amuse you and make you laugh, to annoy you and to make you angry, to cheer you "up" when you are "down," to show such total and unconditional love for you . . . What more could one ask?

The truth is that one could not ask for more! It's all there! He gives, totally and unconditionally, of himself in all of his relating with me, with his mother, with Pat . . . with anyone and everyone. When he's joyous, he's simply joy. When he's angry, he's mad as hell. When he's sad, he lets himself be totally sad. And, yes, sure, we all like to try to make him happy when he's sad, or enjoy and share his joy when he is joyous. But what one eventually learns is that Zachary is in charge of that--not me, not Pat, not Michelle. He is responsible for his own joy and his own sorrow. And, all that we can do, if we truly "love him," is to allow him that, and to know that it is not because we are bad, or unworthy, or unloving that he is experiencing what he is experiencing right now. AND, to know that whatever happens, he is always Zachary . . . and he comes back to being the parts of him and the ways of his that we prefer, when he is ready to do that. AND, we love him totally . . . when he's happy, or sad, or angry, or hungry, or not hungry (ever try to get an unhungry child to eat? Ha!)

So what does he teach me about loving and a perfect relationship? He teaches me, first of all, to "give space"--to allow him to be what he is, totally and completely, no matter what he is being right now. He has an absolute "right" to his own feelings and experiences, and a right to vent them. And, I have a right to observe, to "be there" and to share in that without trying

to put my own interpretation on it, or to change it so that it better suits my "pictures" of how he "ought" to be!

I have a right to enjoy and delightedly accept his displays or affection and spontaneous love--the smiles, the laughter, the hugs, the kisses. I do not have a right to demand them, and poison them with threat or duress--that certainly violates all the truths of love and of relationship.

But even more important, I have a chance to learn--to learn that anger, fear, upset, fatigue, impatience do come for him--as for anyone--and that that is all part of the process of being alive . . . and part of the process of loving--of his loving me, and my loving him . . . we all "have" anger, fear and the rest--and we are not that anger or fear.

And, finally, we both only truly find love, and the secret of relationship--yes, of perfect relationship--when we can allow that, accept that, and know that in the process of "going through" we are both expanded, enlarged, made more richly and fully human, and more genuinely and totally loving.

In truth, then, Zachary is demonstrating to me what "perfect relationship" is. And, it is not all moonlight and roses or hearts and flowers! It includes dirty diapers and runny noses and even temper tantrums. All things come, and then pass away!

This isn't a movie, it's "real life!" Or, it's not "dress rehearsal." This is the real thing. This is what it is like.

Zachary does teach me--and he can teach you--something very important about a relationship. It's just there! And, if you walk away the first time there's a dirty diaper, or an irritable afternoon, or a bad cold, you have just walked out on the perfect relationship! For the "perfect relationship" is simply life, shared with another . . . with all of the ups and downs, and all of the wonders and ecstasies and delights that life brings.

That's true, you see, whether you are eighteen months (like Zach) or sixty-nine years, like me, or twenty-nine, like Patrick!

Yeah! THIS IS IT! A relationship is "perfect" just as long as you allow it to be.

It's "perfect" if you are willing to forget those romantic movies that so misled my friend, or the fantasy dreams you are clinging to from all those photo magazines or skin flicks and simply acknowledge that you've got a lot to learn, and that a relationship is one of the more intense and accelerated learning experiences that life can offer.

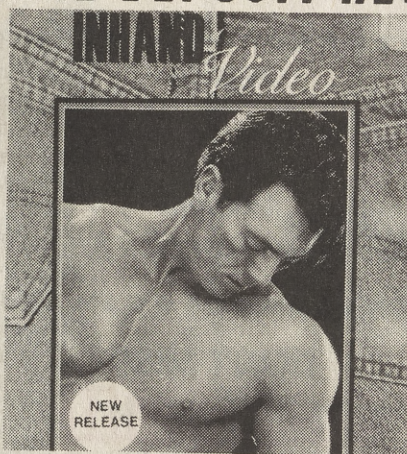
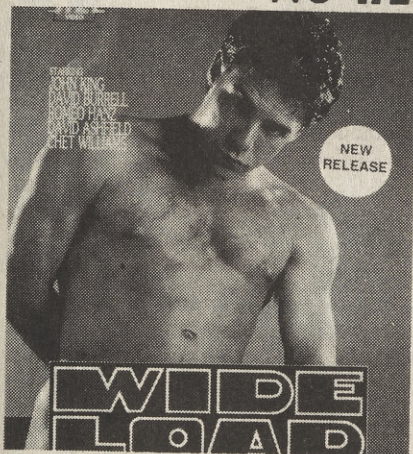
I encourage you to get out there and get one started. You'll learn a lot--about that lover--but even more about you. Don't even wait until Valentine's Day!

You know, Zachary has taught me that I am an even more loving human being than I had thought! Yeah, dirty diapers, amongst other things.

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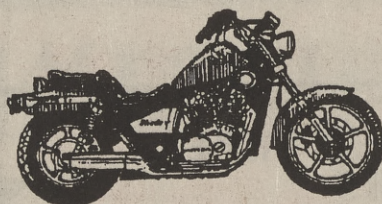


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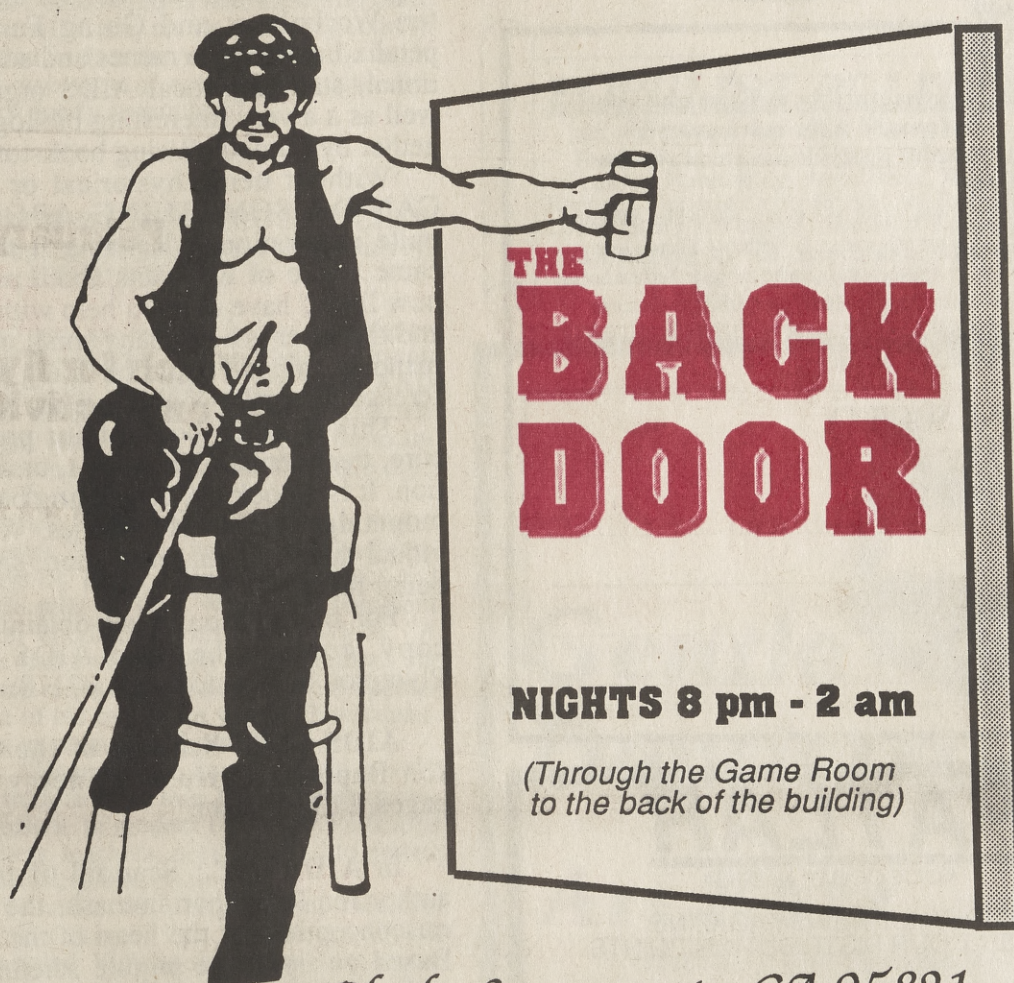
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YOU CAN DO SOMETHING ABOUT
AIDS, edited by Sasha Alyson (Alyson Publications, 1988).

Reviewed by Dean Stonehocker

Here is a truly newsworthy book: It's free! More a "public service project" than a paperback, it consists of forty-five articles written by all sorts of people--Elizabeth Taylor, Greg Louganis, Senator Lowell Weicher, Whoopi Goldberg, to names a few--about "concrete actions you can take" to combat the pain and suffering, the apathy and fear, and the sense of hopelessness and impotence brought about by AIDS.

The book is divided into four sections: Getting Started; At Home, School and Church; At the Workplace; and Going Further. An appendix includes the names and addresses of national, state and local AIDS organizations, as well as a very interesting bibliography put together by Lambda Rising bookstore.

Without being hysterical or pushy, **YOU CAN DO SOMETHING ABOUT AIDS** is quite motivational. Reading it through, I became aware of two facts about myself. One is how little I have done to help with the struggle, and the other is how many small, minimally demanding things I could be doing to make a difference. I suspect you'll have the same reaction.

This is not a book about prevention and cure, treatment and diagnosis, or diet and nutrition. It is a book about drawing battle lines and mounting a series of offenses. When an individual takes action, any action, she or he feels better for it.

For information about obtaining your free copy, contact the Stop AIDS Project, 40 Plympton St., Boston, MA 02118.

AIDS INC.: Scandal of the Century, by Jon Rappoport (Human Energy Press), 346 pages, \$13.95 paper.

In **AIDS INC.: Scandal of the Century**, author Jon Rappoport unmasks the untruths and misconceptions at the heart of the AIDS crisis. Based on up-to-the-minute scientific research and over 300 interviews with key figures in the controversy, this new book explodes our fundamental assumptions about acquired deficiency syndrome, and reveals how and why the lucrative AIDS industry is an increasingly dangerous threat to the public health.

Rappoport is an investigative reporter whose

research has led him to discover some unnerving facts about the way the powers-that-be have orchestrated the AIDS crisis. His findings have led him to propose that, contrary to what we've been lead to believe, the HIV virus is nothing more than an incidental factor that isn't necessarily present when there's a diagnosis of AIDS.

The author argues convincingly for a multi-faceted model for the proliferation of AIDS, implicating among other co-factors recreational drugs, sexually transmitted disease, malnutrition, toxics in the environment--and even medical practice itself.

The legal, ethical and scientific implications of Rappoport's thesis are sure to make **AIDS INC.** a controversial and much-debated book, but one that is urgently called for.

John Rappoport is a freelance journalist who has written for the **LA Weekly**, **The Village Voice**, **In These Times**, and other periodicals here and in Europe. His articles have spanned a wide range of subjects from military repression in El Salvador to environmental, health and science issues, and the arts.

Rappoport says, "In 1987, I decided to write a piece about the dire predictions of widespread death from AIDS. What I discovered is that these and other suppositions about AIDS are, on the evidence, entirely unfounded, and that in fact the whole scientific basis for the so-called discovery of a new and unique disease has been very poorly researched."

GAY MEN AND WOMEN WHO ENRICHED THE WORLD by Thomas Cowan, (Wm. Mulvey, Inc., New Canaan, CT), \$17.95.

"To grow up gay or lesbian in modern times means to grow up an outsider," writes Thomas Cowan in the introduction to his new book, **GAY MEN AND WOMEN WHO ENRICHED THE WORLD**. He continues: "The gay imagination must stretch far to answer the basic question of life: Who am I? Where did I come from? What is my purpose?"

Cowan examines the lives of 40 individuals beginning with Alexander The Great in 336 B.C. and continues with essays on Plato, Leonardo Da Vinci and Michelangelo. He tells of Walt Whitman's comment following a brief encounter with Oscar Wilde, "A splendid boy, we had a very happy time together." He says Noel Coward maintained a heterosexual appearance for the sake of his career but wrote: "Homosexuality is becoming as normal as blueberry pie."

Cowan asks, "What purpose do gay people serve?" In older non-western cultures they had roles as spiritual leaders and healers. In modern times they've tended to be artists, writers, teachers, designers and to pursue careers in social work and entertainment.

The achievements of Lord Byron, Herman Melville, Horatio Alger, Jr., and Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky are noted. Moving into the present century are essays on Gertrude Stein, Virginia Wolfe, T.E. Lawrence, Charles Laughton, and Tennessee Williams.

Thomas Cowan, with a doctorate in history from St. Louis University, has written 20 books in such diverse fields as religion, health, personal development and business, home improvements and biography. He resides in New York. **GAY MEN AND WOMEN WHO ENRICHED THE WORLD** will be in the bookstores in April 1989.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Reader!

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Every time George Bush slapped us with this bullying quip during this past campaign, I wanted to pull one of my man friends close to me, smack a luscious kiss together and retort, "Read MY Lips, George!"

Despite the bad press and the dismal return on the money we pay our government, we all know that our lesbian/gay love, our sexuality, our relationships, our ways of seeing and being in the world are potent and powerful. We are also learning that our love empowers us when we let the world see it--alive, healthy, creative, even demanding!

Soon we'll be celebrating Valentine's Day, a day of love and lovers. This year I'd like to inundate the White House, Congress, the Supreme Court, ABC, CBS, etc. . . . with Lesbian/Gay Valentine wishes. So I invite you all to play along and head to your favorite lesbian/gay card shop, find your favorite postcards of men or women kissing, color them with a few red hearts, inscribe them with a "Read MY Lips!" and any other quips you fancy. Then send them off to George Bush, Justices Rehnquist or O'Connor or to whomever you'd like to read your lips. Let our collective lips daringly speak our love.

Do Be My Valentine!

Michael Neisen

GAY SEX SURVEY RESULTS

According to a study conducted by the National Research Council (NRC) and reported recently in the magazine *Science*, at least twenty percent of adult American men have had at least one homosexual experience.

The study, an analysis of data collected by questionnaires in 1970 and in a 1988 national survey, suggests that the minimum number of American men who have had at least one homosexual experience is lower than the estimate of at least thirty-seven percent compiled forty years ago by sex researcher Alfred Kinsey.

Charles F. Turner, an NRC scientist who co-authored the new study, said the estimates are the lowest possible number based on current data.

NEW MANAGERS IN MONETREY

Ambiance Inns recently announced that David McCaskill and Steve Halvorson, resident managers, have been promoted and transferred to the company's flagship property in Monterey, California known as The Monterey Fireside Lodge. While the hotel does not cater exclusively to gay and lesbian clientele, gay people are always welcome there.

The Fireside Lodge, at 1131 10th Street, Monterey, CA 93940, features 49 rooms and suites, spa, saunas, pool, and a conference facility which accommodates groups up to 60. The hotel also offers airport shuttle as well as transportation to local shopping and the famous Monterey Bay Aquarium.

David and Steve are already on duty at the Fireside and can be reached for reservations toll-free from California at 800-722-2624 or nationwide from 800-426-5584.

HOROSCOPES

by Pat Larr, Sci.D.

AQUARIUS (Jan 20-Feb 18): Someone older teaches you that getting older can mean getting better. Surely at your age you can take it all night, can't you?

PISCES (Feb 19-Mar 20): A man in uniform gives you directions you won't soon forget. You'll be a slave to this master for a long time to come.

ARIES (Mar 21-Apr 19): Cupid pricks your heart with a big, juicy arrow mid-month. Yes, when you get a load of his big arrow you'll be all aquiver.

TAURUS (Apr 20-May 20): Someone uncut plays an important role in your love life this month. If you know what all your friends look like with their pants off, then you'll know who it is.

GEMINI (May 21-Jun 20): The full moon brings love and romance this month. You'll meet someone who longs to show you his milky way.

CANCER (Jun 21-Jul 22): Stock up on condoms this month, honey. Cosmic realignment signals an elastic love-life ahead. You'll need all the rubbers you can get.

LEO (Jul 23-Aug 22): He's bottom and he likes your bottom! The stars say you're fated to click, at least for a little while.

VIRGO (Aug 23-Sep 22): A straight man is longing to get to know you better. It's up to you to make the first move or it's fated you'll never get it on.

LIBRA (Sep 23-Oct 22): A valentine wish from a secret admirer starts you on a tale of adventure and romance. You haven't had this many thrills in a long time.

SCORPIO (Oct 23-Nov 22): A musician longs to blow your horn. Just wait until you see the size of his tuba.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21): Safe sex with the proper stranger in a semi-public place has you shooting the works this month.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 19): You're always wanted to find out how the guy who cuts your hair is in bed. He's been wanting to give you a close shave. This month you both get your wish.

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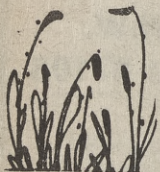
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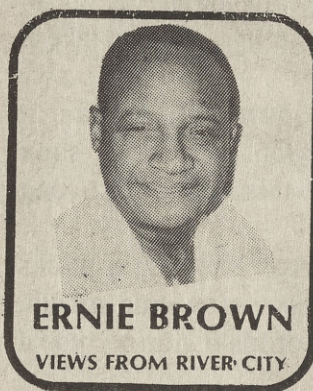
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Carryings-On in Gay Sacramento

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February: The month of holidays and presidents,

lovers, groundhogs, preliminaries before spring. And yours truly's birthday! . . . Here is a Sacramento first. Empress Lakish & Emperor Bill are presenting an Imperial Leather Ball at the Wreck Room on the 10th starting at 9 PM. OK you butches out there, peel it on . . . If leather is not your bag,



ERNIE BROWN

VIEWS FROM RIVER CITY

this next presentation might be more to your liking. The Princess Closet Ball will be held on the 12th at Beau's on Folsom Blvd. starting at 7 PM . . . The Merc is now reopened and on a grand scale . . . Mark this on your calendar: Alta & Karen present a Night of Glamour, Glitter, Lightening & Thunder on March 4th at the Merc starting at 9 PM. No cover. Raffles and surprises . . . Coming Soon, a new watering hole located downtown at 21st St. Yes, the Old Town House Club. This new establishment will be outfitted with food, dancing, the works . . . The Sixtyniner Room at The Western is turning out some remarkable shows in their Girls Night Out t Ribaldry . . . Richelle, at Faces, is still the No. 1 chef preparing those Sunday brunches. You owe it to yourselves to partake of all those delectable morsels . . . There are other eating places around town that may also be to your liking: Joseph's Town & Country is still serving wonderful meals in their dining room. The Incredible Edible is still serving breakfast, lunch & dinner seven days a week . . . Our River City Family will hold their next pot luck meeting on Feb. 25 at 3341 Barcon Way here in Sacto. Your hosts will be Gene & Jack. Please bring a dish or dessert with an oriental theme to serve six . . . If you're into food on a lighter palate, there is a new deli that just opened up, Stanford Ball Deli, located at 16th & P Sts. They have all the good things in sandwiches, and good prices too. They also serve breakfast & lunches. Stop by and say Hello to Marty & Max (owners). They are the beautiful parents of Keith (Western bartender). Good Luck, Marty & Max on your new endeavor . . . Congrats to the new "Czar & Czarina" of Chico . . . Shannon (formerly of the Blue Moon), good luck on your new endeavor . . . Update on Aunt Rose. By the time you read this, he should be home resting. He asked me to express his sincere thanks for all of the cards, letters & flowers that he received while incarcerated . . . **In Memorium:** Harry Cordero. God's fingers touched him, and he slept.



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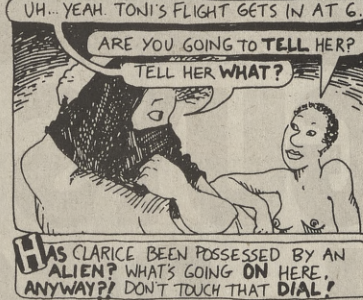
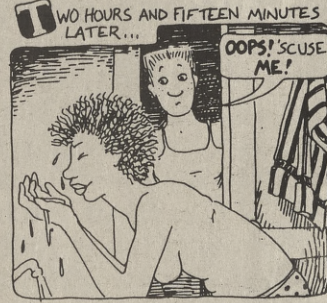
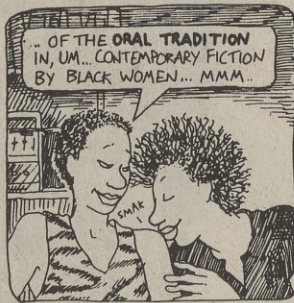
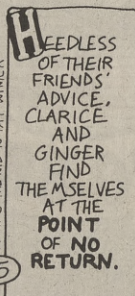
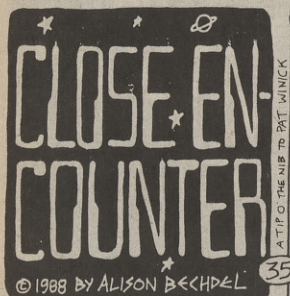
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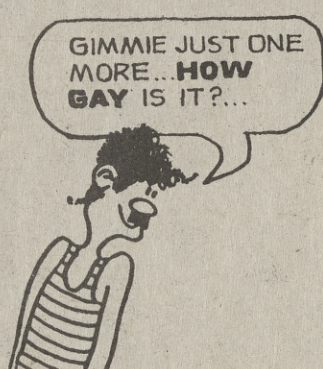
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HAIRY MEN/ADMIRERS: New/hot nat'l. listings. Info \$3: Hair, 59 W. 10 St, NY, NY 10011. [92PL]

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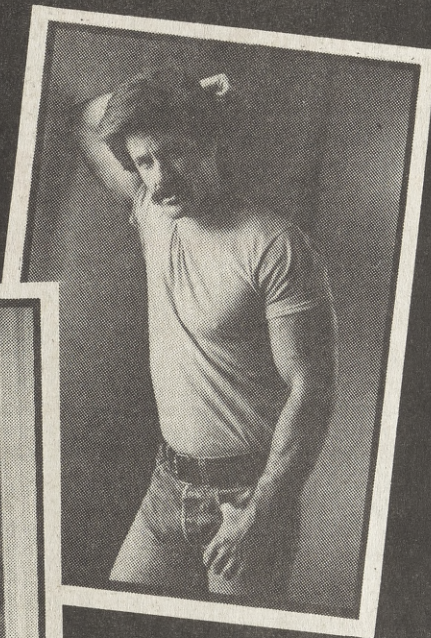
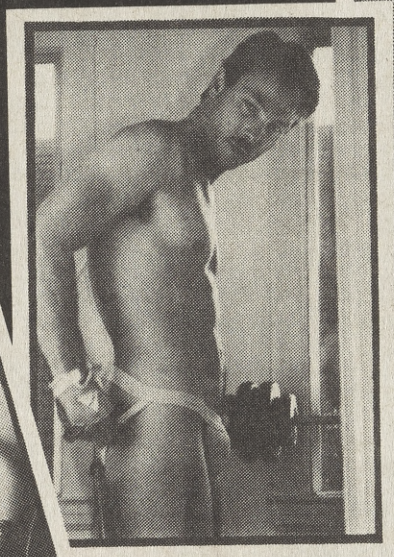
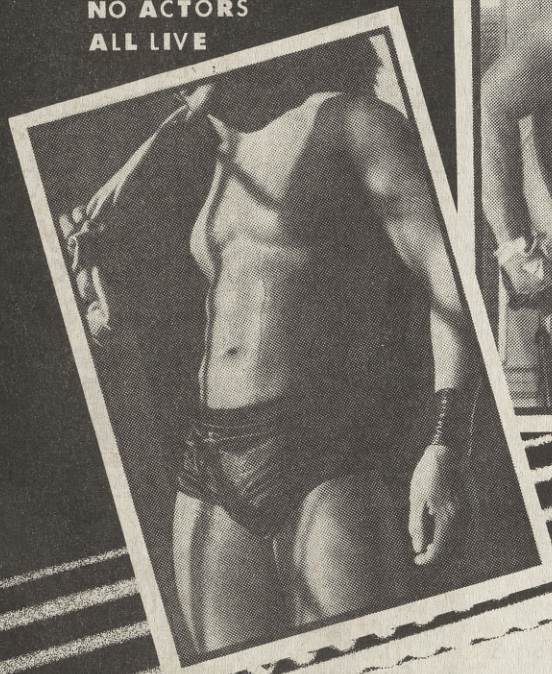
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